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KING 5 Continues Winning Streak with National Murrow Award

Seattle, WA – KING 5 has a new national award in its trophy case — an Edward R. Murrow Award from the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA).

KING 5 received the prestigious National Murrow Award on June 18th for “[Back of the Class](#),” a year-long investigation from chief investigative reporter Susannah Frame and special projects reporter Taylor Mirfendereski that exposed widespread special education failures in Washington state. The multi-part series also received a [Peabody Award](#) earlier this year. As a result of the investigation, funding for special education has become a top priority for lawmakers in Washington state this year. The "Back of the Class" reporting team also includes photojournalist Ryan Coe, graphic artist Kevin Glantz and assistant news director Russ Walker.

“Our investigative unit continues to produce the most compelling content in our region,” said Russ Walker, KING 5 assistant news director. “These awards recognize their talent and the efforts they make to raise the bar for journalism every day.

The national [Edward R. Murrow Award](#) won by KING 5 is just one of many for TEGNA, its parent company. This year, TEGNA properties won 10 National Murrow Awards and 91 Regional Murrow Awards, the most in TEGNA’s history and more than any other media company in the country.

ABOUT KING 5

KING 5 Media Group, The Home Team, is a multi-platform media company based in Seattle, WA. It includes NBC affiliate KING 5, independent station KONG-TV and numerous digital platforms, including king5.com. KING 5 was the first television station in the Pacific Northwest, founded in 1948 by Dorothy Bullitt, now owned by [TEGNA Inc.](#) (NYSE: TGNA), an innovative media company that serves the greater good of its communities. Today KING 5 is the dominant media company in the region, delivering the largest local news audience and the most local programming across all screens. For more information, go to www.king5.com.

ABOUT RTDNA

The Radio Television Digital News Association has been honoring outstanding achievements in electronic journalism with the Edward R. Murrow Awards since 1971. Murrow’s pursuit of excellence in journalism embodies the spirit of the awards that carry his name. RTDNA represents local and network journalists in broadcasting, cable and digital media in more than 30 countries.

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